

SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS

Claim 4 has been canceled. The cancellation of Claim 4 in the response filed December 22, 2008 was unintended. Accordingly, Claim 18 has been newly added. Support can be found in Claim 4 as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

On the outset, Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for indicating that Claim 6 is allowed. Applicants submit that all of the present claims are allowable.

The rejection of Claims 1, 4-5, 7, and 12-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of U.S. Patent 6,730,800 (**Fischer et al.**) is respectfully traversed. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations Claim 6. Thus, Claim 1 (and claims dependent thereon) is allowable for the same reasons Claim 6 is allowable.

Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

The objection to Claim 4 is moot as this claim is canceled. Accordingly, the objection should be withdrawn.

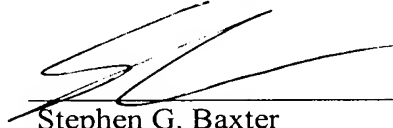
Request for Rejoinder

Upon making a determination of allowable subject matter, the Office is requested to rejoin and allow withdrawn Claims 8-11. All of these claims depend from or otherwise include all of the limitations of the allowable claims, and should therefore be rejoined and allowed pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 821.04. Moreover, *Applicants note that if a product is found allowable, any process of making or using the allowable product must also be allowable* (See *In re Ochiai*).

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Early notification thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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